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FOREIGN CROP AND LIVE STOCK REPORTS.

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CROPS IN GENERAL.

BELGIUM.

Condition of Crops on September 2, 1919.

Wheat promises to be above average. Rye promises a satisfactory return. Oats will be rather satisfactory. Barley gave a good harvest in weight and quality. Buckwheat seems to be normal and abundant. Spelt presents a good aspect. Potatoes look strong and promise well. Flax remained short in growth but fiber appears good.

(The London Grain, Seed and Oil Reporter)

CANADA.

Stocks of Cereals and Flaxseed.

The following quantities are estimated as being in stock in Canada on August 30, 1919; these quantities representing the "carry-over" into the new crop year beginning September 1, 1919. The figures for August 31, 1918 are given in brackets.

Wheat 5,454,000 bushels (3,983,000); Barley 3,345,000 bushels (1,453,000); Oats 19,280,000 bushels (14,969,000); Rye 159,000 bushels; Flaxseed 53,000 bushels. Of the wheat stocks on August 30, 1919, 2,149,000 bushels are estimated as being in farmers' hands, 434,000 bushels in terminal elevators, 2,109,000 bushels in public elevators in the East and 762,000 bushels in country elevators in the West.

(Dominion Bureau of Statistics)

CANADA (ONTARIO).

Farm Condition on October 6, 1919.

Wheat:-The new fall wheat has a comparatively large acreage and is looking well.

Buckwheat is turning out much better than was expected a month ago.

Corn reported good.

Tobacco was harvested under favorable conditions.

(Ontario Department of Agriculture)

DENMARK.

Condition of Crops on September 1, 1919.

Crop.	Islands.		Jutland.	
	September 1, 1919.	July 15, 1919.	September 1, 1919.	July 15, 1919.
Wheat	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.8
Rye	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.5
Barley	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.8
Oats	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.8
Maslin	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.8
Potatoes ...	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9
Sugar beets	3.8	4.0	....	3.5

6 = very good; 5 = above average; 4 = average; 3 = below average; 2 = poor but not bad; 1 = bad.

(Department of Statistics of Denmark)

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Condition of Crops During August, 1919.

EGYPT.

Cotton:-The crop has improved since last month and is now only 10 per cent below normal.

Corn:-Sowing was delayed by shortage of water.

Millet:-A smaller area has been planted to late millet this year, owing to insufficiency of water. Early millet is satisfactory.

Rice:-Prospects of yield are below average.

Sugar cane:-Crop is in good condition.

Peanuts:-Promise an average yield.

(Ministry of Agriculture of Egypt)

FINLAND.

Condition of Crops on September 1, 1919.

	Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Potatoes.	Beets.	Hay.
Sept. 1, 1919	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.4
August 1, 1919	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.3
Sept. 1, 1918	4.8	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.2	5.5	5.5

8 = very good, 7 = good, 6 = very satisfactory, 5 = medium, 4 = less than medium.

(Thornwell Haynes, Diplomatic Commissioner, Helsingfors, September 3, 1919.)

NEW ZEALAND.

Area and Production of Cereals and Potatoes in 1918-19.
(Interim Returns)

Crop.	Area.		Production.	
	1918-19.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1917-18.
	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	209,404	280,978	6,658,613	6,807,536
Oats	172,953	156,202	6,925,543	4,942,759
Barley	18,903	18,860	708,873	568,702
Corn	9,817	8,151	414,583	367,761
Potatoes ...	19,276	22,854	3,898,645	3,755,584

(Census and Statistics Office of New Zealand)

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Area and Production of all Crops.

Crop.	Area. 1918.	Area. 1917.	Production. 1918.	Production. 1917.	
	Acres.	Acres.			
Rice (cleaned)	3,380,674	3,028,685	2,209,585,214	1,745,487,802	Pounds.
Abaca (Manila hemp)	1,266,407	1,207,084	367,867,590	354,837,766	"
Cocoanuts	829,273	744,315	1,506,796,110	880,588,806	Number.
Cocoanut Products:					Tons,
Copra	.....	.....	382,119	205,591	2,000 l
Oil	.....	.....	1,203,382	693,099	Gallons.
Tuba (a beverage)	.....	.....	22,169,887	11,537,516	"
Sugar cane	507,818	459,436	.....	.....	Tons,
Cane sugar	.....	.....	474,744	425,266	2,000 lb
Corn, shelled	1,033,832	1,058,312	11,270,714	13,441,022	Bushels.
" for fodder ...	.....	.....	10,458	9,304	Tons, 2,000 lb.
Tobacco	193,833	152,648	135,704,863	107,868,038	Pounds.
Maguey	80,557	69,433	36,739,077	37,897,116	"
Cocoa (estimated)	2,822	2,498	1,248,245	1,184,609	"
Coffee (estimated)	1,898	1,631	1,591,402	1,310,899	"

(Department of Agriculture of Philippine Islands)

POLAND.

Food Crops in Middle Poland.

Under date of August 27, 1919, Harry A. McBride, American Consul at Warsaw, reports that the grain crops in Middle Poland were good.
(Commerce Reports)

SCOTLAND.

Area under Cereals, Legumes, Potatoes, and Flax in 1919.

Crop.	1919.	1918.	Crop.	1919.	1918.
	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Acres.
Wheat	79,596	79,062	Beans	7,166	7,275
Barley	173,948	152,835	Peas	516	417
Oats	1,109,696	1,243,823	Potatoes ...	154,550	169,497
Mixed grain	2,401	4,072	Flax	1,001	1,338
Rye	5,945	5,650			

SCOTLAND.

Condition of Potatoes on September 1, 1919.

It is anticipated that the total yield of potatoes in 1919 will be somewhat under the average owing to drought.

(Board of Agriculture for Scotland)

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SPAIN. October 15, 1919

Forecast for Cereals and Legumes for 1919.

The Comite Informativo de Producciones Agricolas makes the following estimates, based on reports of August last:

Crop.		Production. Estimate, 1919.	1918.
Wheat	Bushels.	133,939,316	135,708,889
Barley	"	79,432,459	90,496,194
Rye	"	24,635,452	30,444,687
Oats	"	28,814,480	30,473,793
Lentils	"	708,996	709,088
Chick peas	"	4,204,194	4,288,954
Beans	"	6,134,931	7,370,915

Crop Prospects for 1919.

Rice:-The Valencia rice harvest is of very unusual amount.

Olives:-The yield in the most important producing centers, especially in the south, promise to be extraordinary.

Grapes:-The crop is good in most of the Provinces.

Almonds:- Promise well in most Provinces.

(Commercial Attache Chester Lloyd Jones, Madrid, August 27, 1919.)

SWITZERLAND.

Condition of Crops on August 1, 1919.

Crop.	Aug. 1, 1919.	July 1, 1919.	Aug. 1, 1918.	Crop.	Aug. 1, 1919.	July 1, 1919.	Aug. 1, 1918.
Fall wheat	96	96	102	Winter barley	98	98	103
Spring "	84	83	98	Summer "	92	84	98
Spelt	98	97	104	Oats	90	90	102
Fall rye	98	99	104	Corn	88	79	96
Spring "	87	83	100	Potatoes	95	93	93
Maslin	96	96	103	Tobacco	97	99	99

100 = 10-year average.

(Revue Suisse des Marches Agricoles.)

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PRODUCTION OF CEREALS IN SOME COUNTRIES IN 1919.

(Preliminary estimates, compiled from official reports and from reports of the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy)

Country.	WHEAT. Preliminary 1919.	WHEAT. Final 1918.	RYE. Preliminary 1919.	RYE. Final 1918.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United States	918,471,000	917,100,000	84,552,000	90,183,000
British India	278,021,000	379,829,000	.....	.....
Canada	199,240,000	189,075,000	8,010,000	8,504,000
Italy	154,000,000	176,368,000	4,000,000	4,724,000
Spain	133,939,000	135,709,000	24,635,000	30,445,000
Japan	29,800,000	32,923,000	.....	.....
Tunis	6,600,000	8,451,000	.....	.....
Total	1,720,071,000	1,839,455,000	121,197,000	133,856,000
Decrease in 1919, as compared with 1918 (Absolute)	119,384,000		12,659,000	
Per cent	6.4		9.5	

PRODUCTION OF CEREALS IN SOME COUNTRIES IN 1919.-CONT'D.

Country.	BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Preliminary 1919.	Final 1918.	Preliminary 1919.	Final 1918.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United States	198,298,000	256,375,000	1,219,521,000	1,538,359,000
Japan	91,400,000	82,650,000	9,600,000	12,243,000
Spain	79,432,000	90,496,000	28,814,000	30,474,000
Canada	65,584,000	77,287,000	381,359,000	426,312,000
Algeria	31,700,000	60,742,000	9,600,000	22,914,000
Italy	7,800,000	9,186,000	31,000,000	41,336,000
Scotland	5,970,000	5,587,000	46,800,000	53,284,000
Tunis	5,500,000	9,186,000	3,445,000	3,858,000
Total	485,684,000	591,509,000	1,730,139,000	2,128,780,000
Decrease in 1919 compared with 1918:				
Absolute	105,825,000		398,641,000	
Per cent	17.9		18.7	

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SUGAR.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Estimated Sugar Production in 1919-20.

According to Narodni Listy of August 12, the prospects for a good sugar-beet crop are assured. If the factories in Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia will receive at least two-thirds of their coal requirements before they begin work, from 716,000 to 827,000 short tons of refined sugar could be realized, almost two-thirds of which could be available for export. (Trade Commissioner Vladimir A. Geringer, Prague, August 12, 1919).- Commerce Reports.

SPAIN.

Production of Sugar in 1918.

Cane sugar: 95,265 short tons of cane were ground and 6,297 tons of sugar were produced in 1918, against 70,286 tons of cane and 5,053 tons in 1917.

Beet sugar: 1,341,258 short tons of beets were worked and 154,317 tons of sugar were produced in 1917-18, against 1,108,355 tons of beet and 139,280 tons of sugar in 1916-17. (Official Report).

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CURRANTS.

GREECE.

Forecast of the Currant Crop for 1919-20.

American Consul A. B. Cooke, at Patras, reports under date of August 5, 1919, that forecasts of the Greek currant crop for 1919-20 now place it at about 145,000 tons of 2,000 pounds. Old stocks in sight do not amount to more than 3,000 or 4,000 tons. (Commerce Reports).

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TOBACCO.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

Estimated Production of Tobacco in 1919.

The favorable conditions prevailing during March did not continue. From the best sources available, it is estimated that the crop in northern Dominican Republic will not exceed 27,500,000 pounds, which is about 11,000,000 pounds less than last year. (Consul W. A. Bickers, Puerto Plata, September 11, 1919).

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ENMARK.

LIVE STOCK.

Swine on July 15, 1919.

The total number of swine on July 15, 1919 was 709,779 against 620,880 on the same date in 1918 and 2,496,706 in 1914.
(Department of Statistics of Denmark.)

EW ZEALAND.

Live stock on Farms in 1919.
(Interim returns)

	1919.	1918.
Horses on January 31	363,902	378,050
Dairy cows on January 31	820,451	793,215
Total cattle on January 31	3,021,781	2,869,465
Pigs on January 31	235,222	258,694
Sheep and lambs on April 30.....	25,828,554	26,538,302

(Census and Statistics Office of New Zealand)

SCOTLAND.

Number of Live Stock on Farms in 1919.

(The corresponding figures for 1918 are given in brackets).

Horses 213,249 (210,024); total cattle 1,228,839 (1,209,842); cows in milk 361,782 (345,821); sheep 6,395,694 (6,878,198); pigs 137,629 (128,007).
(Board of Agriculture for Scotland)

Condition of Live Stock on September 1, 1919.

Grazing cattle: Healthy generally but in many cases suffered from hardness of the pastures.

Dairy cows: Have also suffered; from several districts it is reported that the milk yield has decreased.

Sheep: Sheep on arable farms are progressing fairly satisfactorily but in many cases leaner than usual. Hill sheep suffered from dry weather but are now generally healthy and thriving.

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